'Police' and 'Public Order' are state subjects as per the Seventh Schedule to the Constitution of India and therefore, detection, registration, investigation and prevention of crimes including dacoity and murder by Inter-State gangs are primarily the responsibility of the State Governments. However, the Government of India has, from time to time, been advising the State Governments to give more focused attention to improving the administration of criminal justice system and to take effective measures to control the crimes. The Union Government has also been providing financial assistance to the State Governments under the scheme of Modernisation of State Police Forces with a view to equip them with modern weaponry, State of the art Communication systems, vehicles, intelligence gathering equipment, protective gear etc. to enable the State police to meet the present day challenges.

Loans for self-employment to Tsunami affected women

1617. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the total loan provided to women affected by Tsunami for setting up of their homes and self-employment work; and

(b) the number of installments, the loanee have to repay the loans?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY): (a) and (b) The Government have approved a special package of Rs. 3644.05 crore named as "Rajiv Gandhi Rehabilitation Package for Tsunami affected areas" which *inter-alia* includes relief assistance, temporary shelters and a provision for pucca houses. As regards self-employment, the Ministries/Departments of the Government of India *viz.,* Tribal Affairs, Social Justice & Empowerment, Women & Child Development and Rural Development, through their various schemes, will be facilitating the self-employment of the women affected by Tsunami.

Financial assistance to Kerala for rehabilitation of Tsunami victims

1618. SHRI N.K. PREMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of HOMEAFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government issued any directions to the Tsunami affected State Governments relating to the limit of expenses and nature of house to be constructed for the rehabilitations purpose;